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*Building People Power for Climate & Energy Justice*

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## **Duke Energy Solar Rebate: *Puny by Comparison***

*The CEO makes more each year*

Durham, NC – NC WARN is pleased for every new amount of solar installed in North Carolina – and hope it helps the solar power industry get more business. But we urge the news media to put Duke Energy's newly announced rebate program into perspective:

- The annual commitment is less than CEO Lynn Good's annual \$13.5 million salary.
- The five-year total rebate is 1.7% of Duke customers' share of the proposed \$6 billion Atlantic Coast gas Pipeline.
- The annual rebate cap of 20 MW, totaled for five years, is 1.1% of the fracked natural gas generation Duke plans to build over the next 15 years.
- The annual commitment is 0.06% of the minimum amount Duke hoped to spend building the now-cancelled Lee Nuclear Station, a failed 12-year effort.

Despite all the image ads and deceptive PR, Duke Energy's generation in the Carolinas remains under 2% renewable. In 2031, Duke plans to be at only 6%.

To be clear, Duke Energy is not merely "*making the transition to clean power more slowly than some would like to see,*" a common PR refrain.

With its huge expansion of climate-wrecking fracked gas, Duke Energy is pushing humanity headlong toward runaway climate change – while doing just enough renewable power to make people think it's a green corporation.

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*Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, NC WARN is building people power in the climate and energy justice movement to persuade or require Charlotte-based Duke Energy – one of the world's largest carbon polluters – to make a quick transition to renewable, affordable power generation and energy efficiency in order to avert climate tipping points and ongoing rate hikes.*

***Building large power plants is making the climate crisis worse – by squandering precious years and dollars that should be going toward energy efficiency, renewables and energy storage.***

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